Declaration of Personal Assets by the Ministers

1855. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA:
SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether PMO has directed Members of Union Council of Ministers to declare their personal assets including that of their family members;

(b) if so, the names of the Ministers, who have submitted the declaration;

(c) what action is being taken against those Ministers, who have not submitted the declarations;

(d) whether Government propose to extend the ambit of such financial drill to all persons holding public officers; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) to (c) The Code of Conducts for Ministers provides for the disclosure of details of assets and liabilities annually by Ministers of the Council of Ministers. This is an ongoing process and all the Union Ministers are expected to comply with the aforesaid requirement. A routine reminder on behalf of the Prime Minister was sent to all the members of the Council of Ministers, on 8.5.2001, requesting them to send the statements of their assets and liabilities as on 31.3.2001 and also statements which may be due, since assumption of office by them.

(d) and (e) All public servants are expected to submit similar statements to their controlling authorities as required *vide* the services rules etc. governing them.